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**EDUCATION** 

1989-1992 Imperial College, University of London, UK

Dynamical meteorology and oceanography, PhD.

Thesis title: Open-ocean deep convection: the spreading phase.

Thesis supervisor: John Marshall.

1986-1989 Oxford University, Keble College, UK

Physics, BA Honours, First Class.

## Positions Held

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POSITIONS HELD	
Sept 2013 - present	Princeton University, Princeton.
	Associate Director of Cooperative Institute for Climate Science.
Sept 2004 - present	Princeton University, Princeton.
	Research Oceanographer in Program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences.
May 2001 - Sept 2006	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole.
	Associate Scientist
	Awarded tenure Jan 2005.
June 2003 - Sept 2003	NOAA-GFDL and Princeton University, Princeton
	Visiting Fellow
Sept 1997 - May 2001	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole.
	Assistant Scientist
Feb 1997 - Sept 1997	University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, USA.
	Assistant Researcher in Inst. for Geophysics and Planetary Phys.
Feb 1995 - Feb 1997	Universities Corporation for Atmospheric Research,
	Boulder, USA
	NOAA Climate and Global Change program postdoctoral fellow.

(host institution: University of California Los Angeles)

National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, USA.

University of Colorado, Boulder, USA.

in Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics.

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Visiting postdoctoral scientist

Sep 1991 - Oct 1992 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA.

Research Fellow

Oct 1990 - Jun 1991 Imperial College, London, UK.

Student laboratory teaching assistant

Jul - Sep 1989 Ecole Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne,

Lausanne, Switzerland. Student assistant

1986 - 1987 Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough, UK.

Student Scientist

## Fellowships and Awards

2003	NOAA-GFDL/Princeton University Visiting Fellowship
1995-1997	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA,
	post-doctoral fellowship in Climate and Global Change
1989-1992	Natural Environment Research Council, UK,
	studentship.
1986-1989	Ministry of Defense, UK,
	student sponsorship.
1986-1989	Keble College, Oxford University, UK,
	Open Scholarship.

## TEACHING AND OUTREACH

#### Graduate education

- MIT/WHOI joint program in oceanography, 2000-2004: member of "Joint Committee for Physical Oceanography", taught course in Geophysical Turbulence, thesis committee member for 3 students.
- Princeton University Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences program, 2004-present: lecturer, teaching class AOS 572 "Atmospheric and Oceanic Wave Dynamics" (2006-present) and coordinating class GEO 503 "Responsible Conduct of Research" (2010-2012); 2006-2013: member of Graduate Work Committee; 2009-2012: Director of Graduate Studies; thesis committee member for 3 students; Graduate student advisees: He Wang (2009-present), Robert Nazarian (2012-present); graduate summer interns supervised: University of Girona PhD student (2005), MPOWIR summer intern (2011).
- Lecturer at graduate summer schools: International school on "Topographic internal waves in the atmosphere and the ocean", Cargese, France, 2010; Alpine summer school on "Buoyancy driven flows", Aosta, Italy, 2010; JPL summer school on "Using Satellite Observations to Advance Climate Models", 2012; Arctic Ocean Model Intercomparison Project school for young scientists, Woods Hole, 2012; GFD summer school on Buoyancy Driven Flows, Woods Hole, 2013.

• External examiner for PhD theses from University of Western Australia (2012), University of Grenoble, France (2010), University of Waterloo, Canada (2007).

## Undergraduate education

- Princeton University, 2007-2009, 2012-present: co-taught class GEO 425 "Introduction to physical oceanography".
- Imperial College, 1990-1991: Laboratory demonstrations for physics undergraduates.
- Guest lectures: Tutorial on Climate Modeling at MIRTHE NSF engineering research center summer workshop, Princeton, 2011; Research Experience for Undergraduates seminar series, Princeton, 2012; Climate Change lecture in Rider University Environmental Geology course, 2012,2013.
- Undergraduate Summer Student interns supervised: 2 Woods Hole undergraduate summer student fellows (1998,2002); Hollings scholars (2009, 2012).

#### K-12 education

- February 2012: presentation to middle-school science class on oceans and climate.
- March 2009, 2014: Participant in Young Women's Conference, at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

## Mentoring Activities

- GWISE (Graduate women in science and engineering), Princeton University: Invited panelist at mentoring program inaugural event, participant at numerous meetings.
- MPOWIR (Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention, nationwide mentoring organization): Mentorgroup leader, 2008-present; Senior participant at Pattullo conferences, 2010-present.

**Postdoctoral advisees**: James Girton (2002-2004), Ulrike Riemenschneider (2004-2007), Lucas Merckelbach (2005-2008) (co-advised with David Smeed, NOC, UK), Maxim Nikurashin (2009-2011), Mehmet Ilicak (2009-2012), Maarten Buijsman (2010-2012), Angelique Melet (2011-2013).

## Membership of Professional Societies

American Geophysical Union American Meteorological Society European Geophysical Union

#### SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- NSF panelist, 2001, 2009.
- Universities' Corporation for Atmospheric Research member representative for WHOI 2002-2004
- Coordinating PI for NSF/NOAA funded "Gravity Current Entrainment Climate Process Team", 2003-2008.
- Co-convener of scientific sessions at AGU fall meeting (2012), Ocean Sciences (2008) and EGS General Assembly (2006).
- Facilitator for session on "Key Physical Processes" at CLIVAR workshop on Ocean Component of Climate Models, June 2004.
- Co-convener of IGCP workshop "Dialogue between contourite and oceanography processes", 2013
- Associate member of IAPSO/SCOR working group 121 on Ocean Mixing, 2004-2007
- Member of US CLIVAR Process Studies and Model Improvement Panel, 2005-2009; co-chair of panel, 2007-2009.
- Member of Review Panel for NOAA Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program, 2007
- Mentor and steering committee member for MPOWIR (Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention), 2008-present
- Member of editorial board for Ocean Modelling, 2009-present
- Member of External Advisory Board for Modeling Complex Systems IGERT program at Johns Hopkins University, 2010
- Expert reviewer for IPCC AR5 working group I report
- Member of external review panel for NOAA Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystems and Climate, 2014
- Member of NSF Earthcube test governance advisory committee, 2014-present

#### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Legg S. and J. Marshall, 1993. A heton model of the spreading phase of open-ocean deep convection, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, **23**, 1040-1056.

Julien K., S. Legg, J. McWilliams, and J. Werne, 1996. Penetrative convection in

rapidly rotating flows: Preliminary results from numerical simulation, *Dyn. Atmos. Oceans*, **24** 237-249.

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Legg S., H. Jones, and M. Visbeck, 1996. A heton perspective of baroclinic eddy transfer in localized ocean convection, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.* **26**, 2251-2266.

Legg S. and J. Marshall, 1998. The influence of the ambient circulation on the spreading of convected fluid, *J. Mar. Res.* **56**, 107-139.

Legg, S., J. Gao, and J. McWilliams, 1998. Localization of ocean deep convection by a mesoscale eddy, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.* **28** 944-970.

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Julien K., S. Legg, J. McWilliams and J. Werne, 1999. Plume structure in rotating convection. Part I: balances and ensemble statistics, *J. Fluid Mech.* **391**, 151-187.

Fischer K.W., S. Legg, W. H. Munk, R.M. Shuchman, R.W. Garwood, and J.P.Palshook, 1999. Modeled radar surface signature of deep ocean convection *IEEE Transactions of geoscience and remote sensing* 37, 2050-2067.

Legg S., and J.C. McWilliams, 2000. Temperature and salinity variability in heterogeneous ocean convection *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, **30**, 1188-1206.

Legg S. and J. C. McWilliams, 2001. Convective modifications of a geostrophic eddy field *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, **31**, 874-891

Legg S., K. Julien, J. McWilliams, and J. Werne, 2001. Vertical transport by convective plumes: modification by rotation, *Phys. and Chem. of the Earth*, **26**, 259-262.

Legg S. and J. McWilliams, 2002. Sampling characteristics from isobaric floats in a convective eddy field, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, **32**, 527-544.

Legg S. and A. J. Adcroft, 2003. Internal wave breaking on concave and convex continental slopes, *J. Phys Oceanogr.* **33**, 2224-2246.

Legg S., 2004. Internal tides generated on a corrugated continental slope. Part I: Cross-slope barotropic forcing, *J. Phys Oceanogr.* **34**, 156-173.

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Legg S., 2004. A simple criterion to determine whether convection is localized or distributed, *J. Phys Oceanogr.* **34**, 2843-2846.

Legg S., R.W. Hallberg and J.B. Girton<sup>†</sup>, 2006. Comparison of entrainment in overflows simulated by z-coordinate, isopycnal and nonhydrostatic models, *Ocean Modelling*, **11**, 69-97.

Legg S. and K.M.H. Huijts<sup>†</sup>, 2006. Preliminary simulations of internal waves and mixing generated by finite amplitude tidal flow over isolated topography, *Deep Sea Research*, part II, **53**, 140-156.

Riemenschneider U.<sup>†</sup>, and S. Legg, 2007. Regional Simulations of the Faroe Bank Channel Overflow in a Level Model, *Ocean Modelling*, **17**, 93-122.

Green J.A.M., J.H. Simpson, S. Legg and M.R. Palmer, 2008. Internal waves, baroclinic energy fluxes and mixing at the European shelf edge, *Continental Shelf Research*, **28**, 937-950.

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Nikurashin, M.<sup>†</sup> and S. Legg, 2011: A mechanism for local dissipation of internal tides generated at rough topography. *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, **41**, 378-395.

Ilicak, M.<sup>†</sup>, S. Legg, A. Adcroft and R. Hallberg, 2011: Dynamics of a dense gravity current flowing over a corrugation. *Ocean Modelling*, **38**, 71-84.

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to lee wave driven mixing, J. Phys. Oceanogr., 44, doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/JPO-D-13-072.1.

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Cronin, M.F., S. Legg and P. Zuidema, 2009: Best practices for Process Studies, *Bull. Am. Met. Soc.*, **90**, 917-918.

<sup>†:</sup> postdoc or student under my supervision.

Legg S., A. Adcroft, W. Anderson, V. Balaji, J. Dunne, S. Griffies, R. Hallberg, M. Harrison, I. Held, A. Rosati, R. Toggweiler, G. Vallis, and L. White, 2009: Oceanography in 2025: a modeling perspective. In *Oceanography in 2025, proceedings of a workshop*, a report of the National Research Council.

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#### RECENT INVITED TALKS

Center for Nonlinear Science Ocean Turbulence Workshop, 2013, Santa Fe; Swedish Society for Marine Sciences, "Visions of the Sea" 2011, Stockholm; Keynote lecture at 7th International Symposium on Stratified Flows, Rome, 2011; Banff International Research Station workshop on "Coordinated mathematical modeling of internal waves", 2010; MOCA-09, IAPSO symposium on Overflows and Abyssal currents, Montreal, 2009; Courant Institute CAOS workshop on "Vortices and Waves in Geophysical Flows", New York, 2006; European Geophysical Union, session on "Steep Topography", Vienna, 2006; Warwick University symposium on "Geophysical and Environmental Turbulence", 2006; NOAA Climate and Global Change 100th postdoctoral fellow celebration, Silver Spring, 2005; CLIVAR workshop on "North Atlantic Thermohaline Circulation Variability", Kiel, 2004; IAPSO/SCOR symposium on "Ocean Mixing", Victoria, 2004; CLIVAR workshop on "The Ocean component of climate models", 2004; Aha Hulikoa Hawaiian Winter Workshop on "Boundary mixing and its parameterization", 2003; AGU fall meeting, special session to mark 10 years of the UCAR postdoctoral program, 2000.